



SNAPSHOT

This snapshot was designed to give a summary of IFRC Disaster Law's mapping of the International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) of the Republic of Seychelles framework, as provided in domestic laws and policies, and is the result of a desktop review of information publicly available online. The following questions had been drawn from the Checklist on the Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance (the IDRL Checklist) and the IDRL Guidelines.

Are there any laws or policies relating to DRM/DRR?

- The Disaster Risk Management Act (Act 15 of 2014) - with strong inspiration from the IDRL Guidelines on its Part V)
- The National Integrated Emergency Management Plan (NIEMP of 2018), giving the general framework of emergency preparedness and response for stakeholders

Which governmental body or agency is in charge of DRM/DRR?

The Disaster Risk Management Act establishes the **Disaster Risk Management Division (DRMD)** as the national body responsible for disaster risk management, ranging from coordination with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders, the development and implementations of disaster risk management plans and strategy, and conduct disaster assessments.

In parallel, the Disaster Risk Management Act also establish the **National Disaster Risk Management Committee**, comprised of representatives of governmental departments and agencies, and a representative of the Red Cross Society of Seychelles. The Committee gives recommendations on the implementation of the Act.

Are there procedures in place for the request and termination of international assistance?

As per the Disaster Risk Management Act (cf. Part V), the DRMD, in consultation with the **Minister in charge of disaster management**, shall determine to his/her discretion the necessity for an international assistance request.

If so, the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, with the consent of the President, will formulate the request. The termination of international assistance is done with a notice issued to assisting organisations by the Minister in charge of disaster management, with consultation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Does the DRM legislation provide facilities to assisting actors?

As per the Disaster Risk Management Act, the Director General of the DRMD is responsible for facilitating international humanitarian assistance by liaising with the relevant government institutions or Ministries (immigration, telecommunications, health, finance and trade.)

As such, the Director General of the DRMD will serve as the focal point for international humanitarian actors, including for facilities request.

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